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FREE BASEBALL FILM SCREENING OF *NOT EXACTLY COOPERSTOWN*

Documentary film explores The Baseball Reliquary, “The People’s Baseball Hall of Fame”

SAN DIEGO – The San Diego Public Library and filmmaker Jon Leonoudakis present a film screening of *Not Exactly Cooperstown* at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, October 21, 2012 in the third floor auditorium of the Central Library, located at 820 E St. in downtown San Diego. Jon Leonoudakis will be present at the screening. This event is free and open to the public.

In 2002, Jon Leonoudakis had a transformative experience when he attended The Baseball Reliquary’s annual Hall of Fame ceremony (the “Shrine of the Eternals”). The ceremony honored a diverse array of individuals and their impact on baseball, including historians and fans for their significant cultural contributions to the game. The Baseball Reliquary’s celebration of the game itself—the stories, people, and magic of the game beyond numbers—restored Leonoudakis’ love of baseball. From 2010 to 2012, he set out to document the Baseball Reliquary’s stories and events to produce *Not Exactly Cooperstown*, which he calls “an unorthodox look at America’s most orthodox game”.

Founded in 1996 by Executive Director Terry Cannon, the Baseball Reliquary is “a non-profit whose mission is to foster an appreciation of American history, art and culture through the lens of baseball”. The Baseball Reliquary offers a scholarly and irreverent approach to the game, and features its annual signature event, “the Shrine of the Eternals” ceremony. The Reliquary is a peripatetic anti-institution without a brick and mortar home, whose exhibits and events are showcased at libraries and universities around Southern California. Often described as the “people’s Baseball Hall of Fame”, the Baseball Reliquary is the only baseball hall of fame where fans can vote for inductees.

Not Exactly Cooperstown documents a year of the Baseball Reliquary's events and stories, in addition to a diverse range of interviews from fans, former players, writers, artists, and mascots. Featured in the film are Jim Bouton, Arnold Hano, Ron Shelton, John Schulian, Greg Goossen, Bill "Spaceman" Lee, the San Diego Chicken, super-fan Sister Mary Assumpta, among many others.

Following the screening, Jon Leonoudakis will be available for a Q & A session. Leonoudakis has worked in the entertainment industry as a producer for nearly 30 years, including projects for Universal Studios, Walt Disney Imagineering, Pixar, Kodak, Blue Note Records, the United Nations, Mercedes-Benz, Seattle's Science Fiction Museum and Hall of Fame and the William F. Harrah National Automobile Museum. Leonoudakis has also produced two other documentaries: the internationally acclaimed, *The Wrecking Crew*, about the elite group of Hollywood studio musicians who were on every major hit record coming out of Los Angeles from 1957 to 1972, and *5:04 p.m.*, Jon's eyewitness account of the 1989 World Series earthquake game.

The 5 Star Parking lot, which is adjacent to the Library at the southeast corner of Broadway and Eighth Avenue, is available for free parking on Sundays during open library hours.

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